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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Information¹ against Susan Skotnicki, a/k/a "Susan Swett," charging that Skotnicki engaged in a scheme to defraud the Senate of Pennsylvania by submitting fraudulent invoices and reimbursement requests on behalf of a Pennsylvania state senator, and used the net proceeds of the scheme to write checks to herself in the approximate amount of \$63,000.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Susan Skotnicki	Camp Hill, Pennsylvania	52

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, mandatory restitution, criminal forfeiture, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys John J. Pease and Robert A. Zauzmer.

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